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298 19 328	Germany	03-11-1999
298 14 532	Germany	12-17-1998

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83 11 725.3	Germany	09-13-1984

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4,419,790	Niedecker	12-13-1983

PUBLICATION

"Einziehpresse HAMAX 800," Maschinenbau Schröder KG.

Copies of the above references are enclosed.

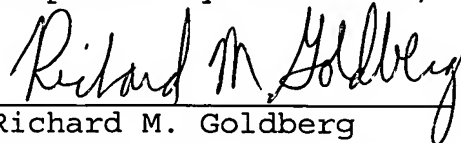
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